

Committee which is meeting here soon and after that the policy will be decided.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Will the hon. Minister give us an indication of the Government's policy in this matter?

SHRI V. V. GIRI : The Tripartite Conference held at Naini Tal discussed this whole question and expressed their views. They laid emphasis more on conciliation and less on arbitration. This matter will further be discussed by the seven-man Committee that is going to meet on the 4th December. Later all this material will be placed before the Labour Minister's Conference and later it would be decided what should be done and on the basis of that decision draft legislation will come up.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Are we to understand that Government has no policy at present and that it will be evolved purely on the advice and influence of the Committees?

SHRI V. V. GIRI : The policy is there. The policy is to lay more emphasis on conciliation than on adjudication?

DR. R. B. GOUR : At Naini Tal it was also discussed that more and more the emphasis should be given to the workers themselves holding posts in the trade union and outsiders in the various trade unions should be eliminated gradually. But has the Government any proposal to see that the various Trade Unions can correspond with the Labour Department not in English but in the various languages? Does the Government know that there are very serious difficulties now?

SHRI V. V. GIRI : They can certainly address their representations in their own languages and Government have the machinery necessary for translating them, even if some of the people in the Department may not know a particular language.

DR. R. B. GOUR : But does the hon. Minister know that at present

such representations from the people in their own language are not accepted?

SHRI ABID ALI : No, that is not the case, I think.

PURCHASE OF TRACTORS BY GOVERNMENT

*85. SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Will the Minister for FOOD and AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number and the make of the tractors purchased by Government for the Central Tractor Organisation ; and

(b) whether the tractors purchased by Government are working satisfactorily?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA) : (a) A total of 826 tractors has so far been purchased for the Central Tractor Organisation. However, only 240 heavy tractors and a few medium tractors are being retained in the Organisation for actual work in connection with the land reclamation scheme. The disposal of the rest of the tractors and the makes and types of the various tractors purchased are indicated in the statement placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, Annexure No. 18.]

(b) All the old tractors purchased from the Disposals did useful reclamation work up to the 1950-51 season. Though there was no defect in their design frequent breakdowns were experienced due to the fact that they had already seen considerable life. It has accordingly been decided to dispose them off. Out of the new tractors, regarding a certain make of machine the Central Tractor Organisation complained of breakdowns in its final drive. The manufacturers and their agents have now volunteered to replace the final drive of all these tractors with that of new design at the manufacturers' cost price. Steps are being taken accordingly. The tractors have been working satisfactorily.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Could the hon. Minister kindly let us know,

out of the eleven makes of new tractors purchased for the C. T. O., which tractors or makes of tractors gave good service and which did not ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : Will the hon. Member kindly repeat his question ?

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : I wanted to know, out of the eleven makes of new tractors that have been bought for the C. T. O., could Government give us an indication as to which makes gave the best service ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : Almost all the tractors except these F. D. E. about which there were complaints in the final drive for which the manufacturers have promised now to replace them at their cost, all the other tractors have given satisfactory service.

SHRI R. U. AGNIBHOJ : Will the hon. Minister kindly say whether these tractors were brought from the hard currency areas or the soft currency areas ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : We got them from the International Bank Loan and that Bank approves of the makes.

SHRI R. U. AGNIBHOJ : Does this International Bank compel the Government of India to buy a particular make of tractors and also from the particular countries from which the Bank desires the tractors to be bought ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : Since they are the bankers, probably they insist on certain makes.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE : What is the total cost of the tractors already bought ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : I have not got the information here, Sir.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : If the hon. Minister has the information I would like to know, especially with regard to the Ferguson Tractors, of which

30 were bought and 27 were disposed of, whether the decision to dispose them of was taken because of their bad performance or for other reasons ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : No. These Ferguson Tractors are specially suited for small holdings and they are also specially useful in loamy soil. Therefore, with other tractors we could not retain them in this unit and so we had to dispose of them to the various States. Out of the 30 Ferguson Tractors that we had bought, 27 were distributed among the various States and three were retained, of which one is at the Rice Research Station at Cuttack and the other in the Plant Industry at Indore.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA : May I know whether the hon. Minister has passed on this information to the various States also so that they may not purchase in future such rotten tractors ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : I could not hear the question properly.

MR. CHAIRMAN : He asks whether that information has been passed on to the States so that they may purchase good tractors and not unworthy ones in future.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : Which information does the hon. Member mean ?

DR. D. H. VARIAVA : About the quality of the tractors because in Bombay about 100 tractors had to be discarded and so if this information is passed on to them, they would see that money is not wasted.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : All the tractors give satisfactory service. There is no need to inform the various States regarding the working of the tractors.

SHRI J. R. KAPOOR : What is the total amount invested in the purchase of these tractors by the C. T. O. ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : I have already replied that question. Out of

the International Bank's loan of 7.5 million dollars we bought these tractors.

PROF. N. R. MALKANI : What is the average number of working hours per day for these tractors ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : It depends on the season in which the tractors are used. Per hour these tractors are able to plough half an acre. The working hours depend on the season, whether it is a rainy season or not, and other factors which govern their work.

PROF. N. R. MALKANI : Have workshops been put up for the proper repairing of these tractors ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : Yes. There is one such workshop at the Central Tractor Organisation here and the various companies like the Ferguson, Simpson and other companies, they manufacture some of the spare parts and they have also taken up the repairing of tractors. While giving import licences, the Industry and Commerce Ministry lays down the condition that those companies, which import tractors, must import 50 per cent. of the spare parts and must be able to take up repairs and servicing after the import of the tractors and their supply to the various parties.

SHRI R. U. AGNIBHOJ : Which are the companies that are not prepared to give spare parts to these tractors which do not function well ? And will Government see that these spare parts are supplied by them when the tractors require these spare parts ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : We have no such information.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA : Is it a fact that according to the agreement with the International Bank for the loan, we must buy these things from the dollar area alone ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : I would like to have notice, Sir.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA : The hon. Minister said that the International Bank insists that tractors must be bought from this loan and of particular makes. Is that part of the agreement ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : I said only this much, that being bankers they must be insisting on it.

PROF. G. RANGA : Sir, is it not better the hon. Minister obtains full information before giving an answer ? Is it not a fact that the International Bank has no favourites and does not insist that any one particular make of tractors alone should be bought ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : That must be; but I want notice.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA : If that is so, why did the Government purchase these very tractors ?

(No answer.)

SHRI M. S. RANAWAT : Did the Rajasthan Government ask for any tractors and if so how many were supplied to them ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : I do not have the information, Sir.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA : If the International Bank did not insist, then why did Government purchase tractors worth 7.5 million dollars from the hard currency areas when they are so hard up for that currency themselves.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : I want notice.

INDIA STEAMSHIP COMPANY

*86. SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state ;

(a) how many cadets trained in the training ship "Dufferin" have been offered apprenticeships by the India Steamship Company during the last five years;

(b) what is the number and percentage of Indian nationals in the officer cadre employed by that company ?